

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a progressive service to gaming machines in a gaming network, the method comprising:
 - 5 publishing the availability of a progressive service on the gaming network;
 - receiving a request to register with the progressive service from a gaming machine ;
 - and
 - 10 processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service, said service requests conforming to a internetworking protocol.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the service request is formatted according to a service description language.
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4. The method of claim 3, wherein the service description language is a Web Services Description Language (WSDL)
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update by the gaming machine.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
 - 25 receiving a progressive configuration change; and
 - issuing a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in response to the progressive configuration change.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming machine to stop notification of an update to the progressive configuration.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the service request is initiated by the gaming machine.

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10. The method of claim 8, wherein the service request is initiated by the progressive service.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a notification of an update to a progressive amount.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises an updated progressive amount.

15 13. A method for participating in a progressive game on a gaming machine via a progressive service in a gaming network, the method comprising:

issuing a request to discover a service description for the progressive service;

receiving the service description;

registering with the progressive service; and

20 processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

25 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the service description comprises a web services description language.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

5 18. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a notification of a jackpot won event.

19. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of progressive amount updates.

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20. A gaming network system providing a progressive service, the gaming network system comprising:

a progressive service communicably coupled to a gaming network;

a discovery agent communicably coupled to the gaming network; and

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at least one gaming machine communicably coupled to the gaming network;

wherein the progressive service is operable to:

publish the availability of the progressive service to the discovery agent;

receive registration requests from the at least one gaming machine; and

process service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive

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service.

21. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

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22. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming machine for a progressive configuration update.

23. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the progressive service is further operable to:

receive a progressive configuration change; and
issue a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in response to the progressive configuration change.

5 24. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.

25. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

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26. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a notification of a jackpot won event.

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27. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of progressive amount updates.

28. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for providing a progressive service to gaming machines in a gaming network, the method comprising:

20 publishing the availability of a progressive service on the gaming network;
 receiving a request to register with the progressive service from a gaming machine ;
and
 processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service.

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29. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the service request is formatted according to a service description language.
 31. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the service description language is a Web Services Description Language (WSDL)
 32. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update by the gaming machine.
- 10 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the method further comprises:
receiving a progressive configuration change; and
issuing a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in response to the progressive configuration change.
- 15 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming machine to stop notification of an update to the progressive configuration.
- 20 35. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.
36. The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the service request is initiated by the gaming machine.
- 25 37. The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the service request is initiated by the progressive service.
38. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a notification of an update to a progressive amount.

39. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises an updated progressive amount.

5 40. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for participating in a progressive game on a gaming machine via a progressive service in a gaming network, the method comprising:

issuing a request to discover a service description for the progressive service;

receiving the service description;

10 registering with the progressive service; and

processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service.

41. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the progressive service
15 comprises a web service.

42. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service description comprises a web services description language.

20 43. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update.

44. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

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45. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a notification of a jackpot won event.

46. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of progressive amount updates.